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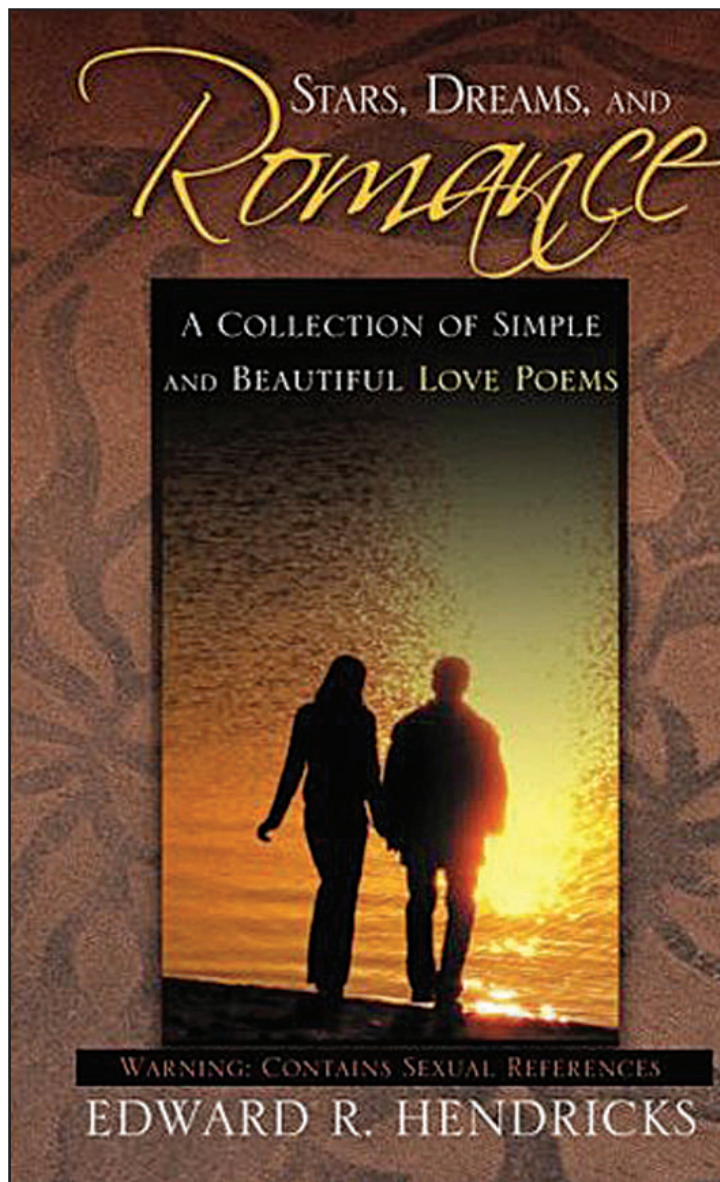
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## Stars, Dreams and Romance by Edward R. Hendricks



Cover of Hendricks latest novel



Edward R. Hendricks

Recently, The Morning News got a letter from poet and writer Edward Hendricks, who in March visited our island. Mr. Hendricks spent a few days here and had warm words of praise for the hospitality he enjoyed during his stay. In gratitude he decided to dedicate a poem to all women on Aruba.

He also sent to The Morning News office a signed copy of his latest book. In it he wrote: "To the good people of Aruba, may love always light up your eyes and your hearts."

"And your country as well. Best wishes to all!!"

Following are copies of his letter, the poem he will publish in his next book, and the cover of the book he recently published.

### About the author:

Edward R. Hendricks is a poet and writer that resides in Missouri. Ed's hobbies are running, cycling, working out and learning new languages. Hendricks believes in the power and beauty of love and he expresses those in a way that is clear for anyone to interpret. He wants the reader to experience his thoughts about love with him. From the warmth of a summer's day (and night) to loving through space, time, and the stars. Want to go with him? Then read his book and take a wonderful journey of the heart.

March 21, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Edward R. Hendricks and I am a poet and a writer. I was on vacation in Aruba from March 11 to March 15, 2010. I stayed at the MVC Eagle Beach Hotel. I also took part in the half marathon run. (I did not do as well as I would have liked, but I had so much fun doing the run and after the run)

I am writing you this letter because on Saturday evening March 13, while sitting outside my hotel room, I thought about writing a poem to the women of Aruba. Your country has inspired me to write the poem "Lady Of Aruba" which I am sending to you, as well as a signed copy of my book titled "Stars, Dreams, and Romance: A Collection of Simple and Beautiful Love Poems". (I left a finished copy of the poem with Christy Lelis, the MVC Eagle beach front office worker. She suggested I send a copy of the poem to the newspaper.)

As you will see, the main subject of my book is love and romance. On page 118, I have a "World Love Poems" section in which I wrote short poems to the women of certain regions and countries of the world. I want to say that in my next book (Which I am now working on) I would LOVE to put the poem "Lady Of Aruba" in.

I also want to thank the whole country of Aruba for being so friendly and warm. I plan to return for a second vacation soon. I had such a wonderful time and I did things I have never done before in my life. (The Snuba with Palm Tours being one)

My best goes out to all.

*Edward R. Hendricks*

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Wrote at the MVC Eagle Beach Hotel, Room 102  
March 14, 2010.

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## BP begins capturing some oil from Gulf gusher

VENICE, Louisiana — BP began capturing some oil spewing from a 46-day gusher yesterday after installing a containment cap atop a ruptured Gulf of Mexico well, as tar balls began washing ashore on the Florida coast.

President Barack Obama made his third trip to the stricken Gulf coast since the disaster to keep pressure on BP and to listen to residents affected by the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

The crisis, dramatized by front-page newspaper photographs of oil-drenched birds, is proving to be a monumental test for Obama, who has been accused of failing to show leadership or emotion as the impact of the disaster has grown.

The U.S. Coast Guard said the containment cap placed atop the gusher a mile beneath the Gulf's surface was collecting about 1,000 barrels a day.

It would take a few days for the operation to reach optimum performance, at which point the company hoped to be

able to siphon off 90 percent of the leaking oil.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters on Air Force One that the cap is taking in more hydrocarbons and fewer of the frozen, slushy hydrates that gummed up an earlier attempt to cap the gusher.

It was a sign of progress after several failed attempts by the London-based energy giant. U.S. officials cautioned against being too optimistic, however. "They were making some slow progress," Gibbs said.

"I'm long out of the prediction business on this. Everyone is hopeful that this works," he said.

Oil sheen and tar balls washed ashore on a northwest

Florida beach crowded with holidaymakers in what appeared to be the spill's first impact on the state.

"You see shells and jellyfish and trash, but I've never seen oil here. It's crazy," said Anthony Cross, while walking along Pensacola Beach with his three daughters, holding a child's fishing net full of tar.

Florida, the so-called Sunshine State with a \$60 billion-a-year tourism industry, has been bracing this week for the forecasted arrival of the spilled oil, which has already hit Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama shores to the west.

BP does not expect to be able to fully halt the oil flow until August, when two relief wells are to be completed.

## Malaria epidemic hits southern Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Malaria cases have doubled in Venezuela so far this year as health officials confront an epidemic in a vast southern re-

gion where wildcat gold miners are often infected in remote jungle camps.

Health Ministry statistics published this week show there have been 21,601 malaria cases nationwide so far this year, up from 10,758 during the same period last year.

A vast majority of the patients — 19,750 — were diagnosed in southern Bolivar state, where government officials say there is an epidemic.

Miners in search of gold and diamonds have long caught the disease by venturing into forests where malaria-carrying mosquitoes live. Their strip-mines destroy patches of forest, leaving behind muddy pools and water contaminated with the mercury they use to separate gold from rock.

Public health officials attribute the rise in malaria cases in part to a government-led operation this year in which soldiers have evicted thousands of miners from their illegal strip-mines.

## Dutch suspect returned to Peru to face charges

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A young Dutch man who is suspected in the 2005 disappearance of a U.S. teenager Natalee Holloway was returned to Peru yesterday to face charges in the slaying of a woman in his hotel room.

Police in neighboring Chile handed Joran van der Sloot over to Peruvian Interpol agents at the border city of Tacna. Officials there put a bulletproof vest on the 22-year-old and immediately took him to a police station for medical tests.

Van der Sloot said he is innocent in the murder of 21-year-old Stephany Flores but acknowledged having met her at a casino in Peru's capital, said deputy Chilean investigative police spokesman Fernando Ovalle.

He also remains the prime suspect in the disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway on the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba. Flores was killed five years to the day after Holloway disappeared. On Thursday, prosecutors in the U.S. charged van der Sloot with extortion in connection with the Holloway case.

Wearing the same black-hooded sweat shirt and khaki pants in which he was arrested the day before, van der Sloot was handcuffed and placed aboard a police Cessna 310 in yesterday morning. A fixture on television crime shows after Holloway's disappearance in Aruba, the 22-year-old did not speak to or look at reporters who called to him yesterday as he was escorted onto the plane.

Van der Sloot, who was seen on video with Flores prior to her death, fled Peru on Monday, but was captured three days later by Chilean police as he was headed in a taxi from Santiago to the Pacific coastal city of Vina del Mar. Police said he had rented a room there.

Flores was found dead late Tuesday in the Lima hotel room where van der Sloot had been staying before he left the country. She had a broken neck. She was fully clothed, with multiple bruises and scratches on her body, but there were no signs she had been sexually assaulted, the chief of Peru's criminal police, Gen. Cesar Guardia, said.

"This isn't a coincidence, this murder," Flores' father, Lima entertainment impresario Ricardo Flores, told reporters after van der Sloot's arrest Thursday.

Flores, a 48-year-old former race car driver and sometime politician, buried his daughter Thursday in the upscale Jardines de la Paz cemetery accompanied by about 100 mourners. He called on authorities to immediately bring van der Sloot to Peru to face justice.

"It's not just about my daughter," he said. "There's a matter pending in Aruba, and we don't know how many more remain unpunished."

Also Thursday, van der Sloot was charged in Alabama with trying to extort \$250,000 in return for revealing the location of Holloway's body and describing the circumstances of her death.

Federal prosecutors did not say who was allegedly extorted, but filed a sworn statement saying that van der Sloot received a partial payment of \$15,000 wired to a Netherlands bank.

In the Netherlands, Dutch prosecutors yesterday said they had raided two homes hunting for evidence linked to the extortion charges. They seized computers, cell phones and data-storage devices in the raid, which was carried out at the request of U.S. authorities, said national prosecutor's office spokesman Wim de Bruin.

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## Ex Prime Minister Etienne Ijs to head social funds



Recently, members of the Cede Aruba visited Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Economics, Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar. This is because the General Advisor of the social funds of the Netherlands for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, Gilbert Wawoe fin-

ished his work here. Mr. Wawoe passed the control over to well-known Aruba friend, ex minister of the Netherlands Antilles, Mr. Etienne Ijs

Cede aruba is a foundation which manages funds for the social sector. It is thru them that the Netherlands subsidizes social projects on



Aruba. The 'Oranje' Foundation is the union of all the foundations with names of members of the Dutch Royal House, i.e. Beatrix Foundation and Juliana Foundation. Nowadays we still know the Prins Claus Foundation and Prins Bernhard Foundation. Besides that the Cede Aruba also manages the Loozman Funds which founded by three single sisters with a lot of assets, when they died, they left those assets to subsidize projects related with the care of the elderly in the

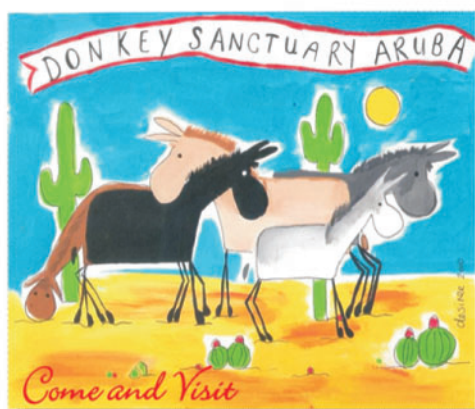
Dutch kingdom. There are also a few other social and educational funds proceeding from the Netherlands that are managed by Cede Aruba.

Mr. Gilbert Wawoe expressed his appreciation for the excellent job that Cede Aruba and its Director Jan Veneman is performing for the benefit of the social projects on our island. Several initiatives by Aruba are now models for other islands.

Ministers Eman and Hooyboer-Winklaar expressed their gratitude to Mr.

Wawoe and thanked Cede Aruba for the good work they are doing for the wellbeing of the vulnerable in our community. Prime Minister Eman welcomed his friend Etienne Ijs adding that Mr. Ijs has his complete support. Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar also complimented Cede Aruba and welcomed Mr. Ijs, expressing the hope to continue meeting with the board of Cede Aruba in the near future. Both mandataries assured Cede Aruba of the government's total support.





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## Numismatic Museum



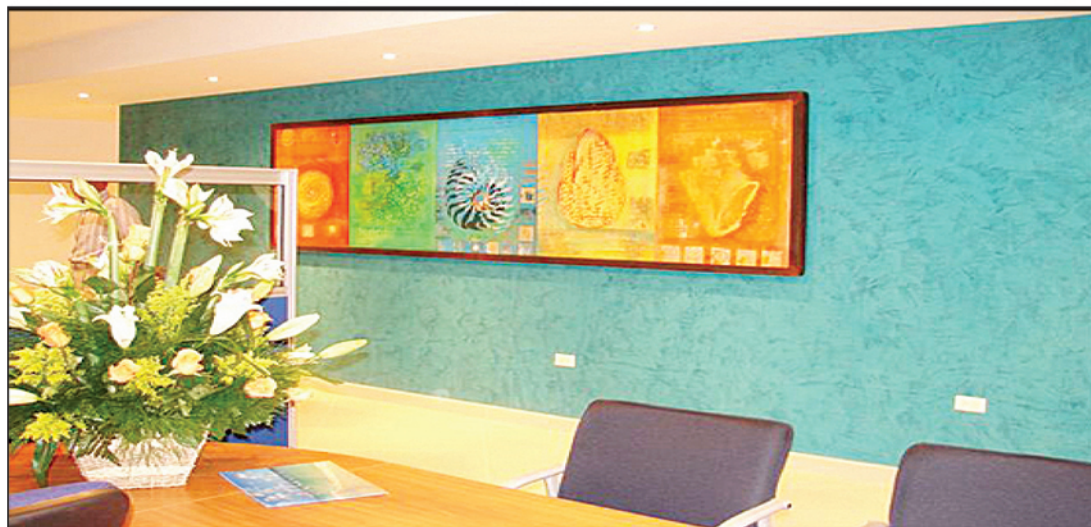
Fifty years ago, when the late Mario Odor was gardening in his yard, he came upon his first coin dating back to the late 18th century and thus began a collection that grown to more than 33,000 different coins and currencies dating back as far as 400 BC. Housed in an authentic cunucu house that was moved from the main street, the Numismatic Museum boasts showcases filled with coins primitive and strange, proof, counter-stamped, center-holed, scalloped, square, wooden, and over-struck, as well as errors, commemoratives, tokens and food coupons.

Peruse the means of exchange of the Roman Empire,

Chinese dynasties, India and feudal European countries as well as money unique in shape and material, including cardboard, wood, leather, porcelain, baked clay, ivory, plastic or linen. Visitors can piece together the turbulent history of Aruba and the Caribbean through well-organized collections with informative commentaries.

The museum is situated next to the central bus station in Oranjestad and is open from Monday through Friday, 9 am – 4 pm, Saturday 8 am – 12 noon. Tel 582-8831. For more information, contact [info@museumaruba.org](mailto:info@museumaruba.org) or visit [www.museumaruba.org](http://www.museumaruba.org)

## Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports accelerated construction pace



Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports that the first wing of the East Tower has reached the highest point of construction. Developers have just poured the 14th floor concrete beams, and are gearing up for the launch of the second wing construction.

Mid-year, Acqua Condominiums Aruba will be pouring the foundation for the South Tower, and begin work on community amenities such as the lagoon-style pool and tropical garden, the club house, business center, spa, restaurant and grand lobby, followed by the debut of the North Tower and the completion of the entire ambitious project by 2012.

Built on 30.278 m2 of property land this exciting condominium project continues to attract buyers and investors, lured by the upscale elegance of the complex Mansions, Penthouses, Suites, Studios and Residences.

General Manager Jenner Florez and Managing Director



Oscar Helmeyer report that the development company is planning on doubling its workmen capacity within the next few weeks. Construction specialists recently laid off by the oil refinery will find new employment at Acqua Condominiums as plumbers, electricians and carpenters join the force in order to work on building the interiors.

“Work on the site has been in full swing since January 11th, when construction workers returned from their well-deserved Christmas vacation,” explains Helmeyer. “And we are at the moment in negotiations with the department of labor to extend the number of

work hours to 18 a day, maintaining two full-shifts of laborers, and resulting in accelerated construction pace.”

Acqua Condominiums Aruba began construction one year ago, and has been met with great enthusiasm from the get go. A stylish and contemporary sales center on Palm Beach, on the construction site, includes a number of model apartments with Kohler bathrooms and faucets, European style kitchens with granite tops, brand-name appliances, porcelain tiles, floor to ceiling UV-filtered hurricane proof windows and doors, all tastefully furnished and finished, and available for viewing.



## "Ruby Group" celebrates their 50 year graduation reunion



40th high school reunions are always interesting events; seeing how everyone has fared and changed from days gone by. For 17 ladies who had graduated in 1960 from Aruba's MULO - the precursor to the present day MAVO, the island's 'middle school' covering grades 7 to 10, the 40th reunion resulted in the reforming of important friendships and support. They graduated from Maria College.

They called themselves "Grupo Rubi" as the 40th an-

niversary is the Ruby Anniversary, and made it a policy to get together for a congenial evening the first Thursday of each month - which they have been doing now for ten years. Thursday, June 3 marked not only their 50th graduation anniversary, but also ten years since the founding of "Grupo Rubi."

The celebration took place in the Grill House Restaurant in Oranjestad, but the ladies have made it a point to support various eateries during their ten years of deepening friend-

ship. Their names, when they graduated MULO, were: Yvonne Quilotte, Ellen Roos, Gladys Arends, Teresita Kelly, Julianita Henriquez, Adelaida Ponson, Lilian Buckley, Blanca Fingal, Corry Jacobs, Filomena Vrolijk, Filomena Swaen, Maria Arends, Odette Wever, Ellen Goedhoop, Luisa Tromp, Amelinda Arends and Mercedes Oduber.

They all declare they love these monthly get-togethers, and wish they could go on forever!!

## Garage Cordia donates a car to Adopt an Addict foundation

Recently, Garage Cordia donated a car to Adopt an Addict Foundation. The foundation expresses its immense gratitude to Garage Cordia and all other instances and individuals who collaborate with the foundation. Adopt an Addict received a Toyota Corolla 2005, a beautiful gesture indeed, because the foundation runs solely on donations. The foundation's job never ends, but now with a car, they can surely assist all the calls for help they receive faster and with more ease.

A Garage Cordia representative handed the keys of the car to Foundation Director Frank Tieleman. American Home Assurance also cooperated with the insurance of the



car.

The Adopt an Addict foundation reminds all those in need of their services, either for

themselves or family members who are addicted to drugs, alcohol, or other substances and want to rehabilitate, to please call at their hotline 747-3094.

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## "Shrek" poised to top box office for third time

LOS ANGELES, California - The big green guy wasn't much of a sprinter, but his marathon form looks sharp.

DreamWorks Animation's "Shrek Forever After," a 3D fourquel in the lovable-ogre franchise, is expected to threepeat atop the domestic box office with \$25 million-\$30 million this weekend. The PG-rated film underperformed expectations with a \$70 million bow two sessions ago but held strong during its holiday-stretched sophomore session



and faces relatively light competition this frame despite four wide openers.

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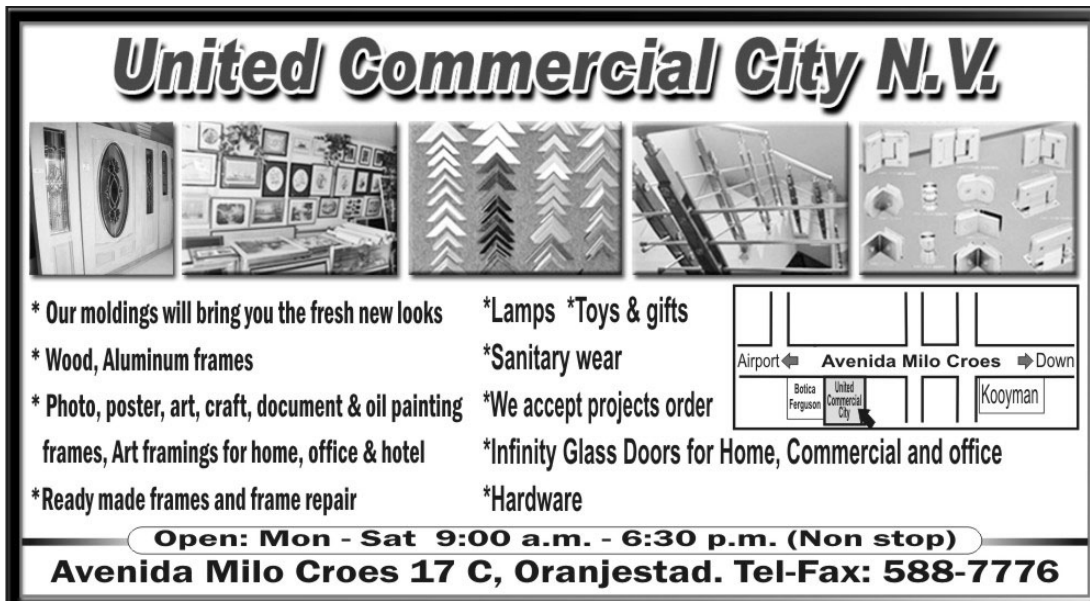
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## Science/Tech.

### What Are Dog Years?



Dogs age more quickly than humans, and, as many of us can attest, sadly don't stick around for the entire life of their owners. The "dog year" measure is an attempt to quantify this difference in lifespans – to give an age to our furry pets as if they were to live as long as humans.

The most common system for calculating a pet's age in dog years is to multiply it by seven. The age of a 1-year-old Miniature Poodle in dog years would be 7 and that of a 2-year-old Great Dane would be 14. This system assumes an average lifespan of humans of 70 years and for dogs 10 years.

Using this multiplier, however, has several flaws, according to Stanley Coren, professor at the University of British Columbia who has written many books on dogs. For starters, 70 years is no longer the average lifespan of humans, and a dog's lifespan varies depending on its size and breed.

The fatal flaw, according to Coren, is that at 1 year old,

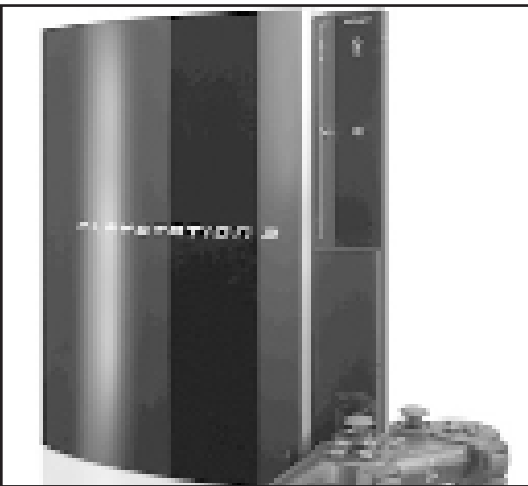
dogs are able to reproduce puppies. This is not the case for a 7-year-old child.

Coren has come up with his own way to calculate a dog's age in human terms. In his system, a 1-year-old dog is like a 16-year-old person; at 2 the dog is like a 24-year-old person; and for the next three years until the dog reaches the age of 5, each year adds five human years.

Beyond age 5, the dog's size must be accounted for in the equation, Coren said. Typically, small dogs live longer than large ones. To account for this difference, Coren suggests adding four years of human life to the age of small dogs after age 5, and six years for large breeds.

Using Coren's system, a 1-year-old Miniature Poodle would be 16 dog years and the much larger, 2-year-old Great Dane would be 24 dog years. When each pup has graced the Earth for eight "real" years, the Miniature Poodle would be 51 dog years, and the Great Dane would be 54.

### PlayStation 3 vs. Xbox 360 Price Fight, June 2010



PlayStation 3



Xbox 360

As rumors of price drops and pack-in reconfiguring swirl ahead of E3, how are things stacking up value-wise between Sony's PS3 and Microsoft's Xbox 360? Here's the latest breakout chart, with the usual caveats about consumer preferences (you want the one thing, someone else wants that other thing, etc.). Maybe you don't need wireless and an Ethernet cable's enough. Maybe you think paying \$50 a year to play games online is criminal. Don't read these as bottom line prices, but use the chart as a build-it-yourself tool and craft your arguments accordingly. Prices for systems and components were taken from Best Buy, accessed on June 4, 2010.

Points of clarification: The PS3 hard drive is user-swappable for anything that meets the standard laptop 2.5-inch 2.5-inch SATA 500GB hard drives retail for between \$70 and \$90. The Xbox 360 uses proprietary Microsoft-enclosed hard drives and won't allow upgrades beyond 250GB.

The PS3 uses an internal 802.11b/g wireless chip, while the Xbox 360's external USB wireless adapter offers the more recent 802.11n spec.

The PS3's HDMI connection offers the 1.3a spec, which yields higher data transfer speeds, a new expanded color format called "Deep Color," automatic audio syncing, and Dolby TrueHD and DTS-HD Master Audio support. The Xbox 360 supports the older HDMI spec 1.2. In practice, the only functional difference given current TV and broadcast limitations would be the Dolby/DTS-HD spec, and then only in relation to lossless, uncompressed audio situations, such as Blu-ray video playback.

RJ45 is shorthand for Ethernet. CVBS stands for "Composite Video, Blanking, and Sync" (the lowest quality video cable, only a step above coaxial RF). YPbPr is shorthand for Component Video, and refers to the discrete green, blue, and red video plugs (component is the second-highest quality video cable, next to HDMI).

The Xbox 360 Arcade comes with 5 arcade games, while the Xbox 360 Elite is available in two \$400 bundle configurations—one with Splinter Cell: Conviction, another with Final Fantasy XIII (\$60 each if purchased separately). The Elite bundles also include

a 250GB hard drive (instead of 120GB), and two wireless controllers (instead of one).

Both Xbox 360 models (Arcade, Elite) come with Microsoft's Xbox LIVE Silver membership, which basically allows you to create a Gamertag and message friends. If you want Netflix, Facebook, Twitter, and online multiplayer support, you'll have to upgrade to Xbox LIVE Gold, which costs \$50 a year, e.g. \$250 for five years. The PS3 currently offers online services including competitive multiplayer at no additional cost (though a "premium" service may be in the offing).

Some retailers sell refurbished systems for considerably less money. GameStop, for instance, sells a 40GB PS3 refurbished for \$250, a 120GB PS3 with God of War III for \$374.97, a model bundled with accessories for \$379.97, and an 80GB PS3 refurbished for \$270. Factor accordingly if you're shopping the used market.

Remember that the above chart doesn't gauge the "soft" value of features like Xbox LIVE or PlayStation Home, or how having a network of friends clustered on a given system influences purchases.





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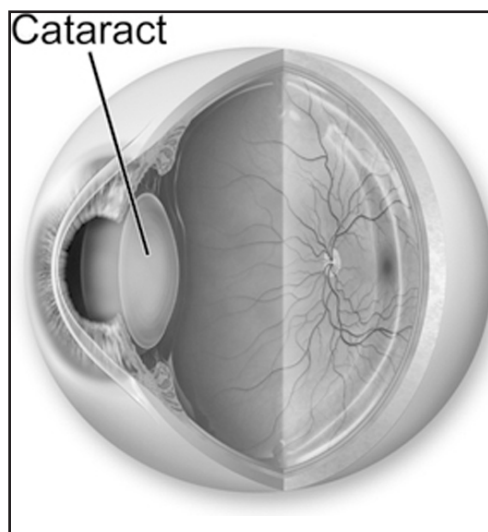
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## HEALTH & LIVING

### Certain popular antidepressants linked to cataracts in seniors



A widely prescribed type of antidepressants known as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) appear to boost the risk for developing cataracts among seniors, according to the first study to explore the subject.

The increase in risk, reported in the June issue of the journal *Ophthalmology*, was calculated to be approximately 15 percent, the re-

searchers found.

At that rate, 22,000 Americans would theoretically develop cataracts as a result of their antidepressant use, the study authors noted.

The research team, led by Mahyar Etminan of the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute in Canada, analyzed data concerning almost 19,000 patients

over the age 65, and compared the findings to data from 190,000 men and women in the same age group not taking antidepressants.

Strong links to cataract risk were found for three specific SSRI drugs: fluvoxamine (Luvox), venlafaxine (Effexor) and paroxetine (Paxil), the researchers found. Each contributed to an

elevated risk of 39 percent, 33 percent and 23 percent, respectively.

However, rising risk was only associated with the current use of such medications, not prior use, the authors noted.

Etminan's team further observed that not all antidepressants appeared to be linked to an increased risk for cataracts, although they noted that the lack of an association was not definitive proof that there is in fact no risk.

"The eye's lens has serotonin receptors, and animal studies have shown that excess serotonin can make the lens opaque and lead to cataract formation," Etminan said in a news release from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. "If our findings are confirmed in future studies, doctors and patients should consider cataract risk when prescribing some SSRIs for seniors."

### 6-Month Chemo best for early breast cancer

A six-month chemotherapy regimen improves overall and disease-free survival among women with early breast cancer and lymph node involvement, when compared with two shorter regimens, a study shows.

Sandra M. Swain, MD, at the Washington Cancer Institute at Washington Hospital Center, and colleagues compared three chemotherapy regimens among 5,351 women with lymph-node positive early-stage breast cancer.

The three chemotherapy regimens were:

A 12-week, four-cycle regimen of doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, and docetaxel.

A 12-week, four-cycle regimen of doxorubicin and docetaxel.

A 24-week, regimen in which four cycles of doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide were given over the first 12 weeks, followed by four cycles of docetaxel alone the second 12 weeks.

Women who received the 24-week sequential

chemotherapy regimen were more likely to survive than women given the other two chemotherapy regimens, the study showed. The 24-week sequential therapy also resulted in gains in disease-free survival when compared to the other two chemotherapy regimens.

The study shows that women who developed chemotherapy-induced lack of menstruation for six months or more seemed to do better than women who did not, regardless of their treatment and whether the breast cancer was estrogen-receptor positive or negative. Some breast cancer cells have receptors for the hormone estrogen and others do not.

Exactly why lack of menstruation was protective is not fully understood, but it may be a marker of the effectiveness of the treatments. It's also possible that suppressing the ovaries can have an effect on breast cancer, the researchers suggest. The ovaries produce the female sex hormone estrogen.



# Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty



Welcome to Le Petit Café

In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality, quantity and ambiance.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a

European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting. In Oranjestad, diners can enjoy a breathtaking view of the harbor; particularly as the sun dips over the horizon and the lights of town set the waters aglow. Taking advantage of

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Cooking your main course on the stone is a supremely healthy method of preparation, seasoned to perfection and using no fats or oils. Fish in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable



Steak on a Stone

value!

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Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!



Fish on a Stone



Outdoor café setting

## Restaurant tells diners to eat up or be fined and leave

SYDNEY, Australia – An Australian restaurateur fed up with the waste left by diners has ordered her customers to eat everything on their plates for the sake of the earth or pay a penalty and not return.

Chef Yukako Ichikawa has introduced a 30 percent discount for diners who eat all the food they have ordered at Wafu, her 30-seat restaurant in the Sydney suburb of Surry Hills, that describes itself as "guilty free Japanese cuisine."

"To contribute toward creating a sustainable future we request a little more of our

guests than most other restaurants," she says in a list of her restaurant's policies that is pinned on the door to the eatery.

This list includes finishing all dishes ordered which are organic and free of gluten, dairy, sugar and eggs and the chef and her staff tell people who don't clear their plates to choose another restaurant next time.

"Finishing your meal requires that everything is eaten except lemon slices, gari (sushi ginger) and wasabi," says the menu.

"Please also note that vegetables and salad on the side are NOT decorations; they are part of the meal too."

Wafu's strict policy has been welcomed by some but criticized as overbearing by some reviewers. Ichikawa is undeterred.

"Wafu is not just a restaurant; it is an extension of Yukako's personal ethos toward nourishment and sustenance," says a statement on the restaurant's website.

"We are not only committed to serving meals that nurture and respect the body but



are actively dedicated to the notion of waste prevention, and take seriously our respon-

sibility toward the environment and sustainability for the future."



## Aruban Film Producer invites the public to the screening of his documentary, "Voices in the Clouds"



On Sunday, at 11 a.m. Paseo Herencia will show the documentary "Voices in the Clouds" by Aruba producer/director Aaron Hosé. Aaron won two regional Emmy Award in the last two years for his televi-

sion productions in the U.S.A. His documentary "Voices in the Clouds" is part of the Aruba International Film Festival Spotlight Series, in which various films produced by artists from Aruba, Curaçao, the Ba-

hamas, Haiti and Holland will be screened.

"Voices in the Clouds" is about a story of Tony Coolidge, who is half American, half Taiwanese and loses his mother thru cancer. After the passing way of his mother, Tony reunites with his family in Taiwan, but afterwards he discovers that he and his family are descendants from an indigenous tribe called Atayal. The Atayal and other indigenous tribes of Taiwan are in danger of disappearing for ever.

For years Aaron and his crew documented Tony's trajectory and also of various other indigenous people who Tony encounters, among them, some of the ladies of his tribe who carry Atayal tattoos on their faces. More surprising is that some of the women are more than 100

years old. These are only some of the various encounters of Tony and Aaron who during the screening of 'Voices' will open a window to something new in history.

Comments Aaron: As some of you may know, I will be screening my documentary film, "Voices in the Clouds," at the inaugural Aruba International Film Festival this Sunday. To those of you in Aruba, the screening time is June 6 @ 11am, at the Cinemas at Paseo Herencia. It's been a loooong journey for my team and I, so I'm very (VERY!) happy to be able to share the film with my family, friends and home crowd. I'm especially pleased to be joined in Aruba by my good friend and 'Voices' producer/editor John Schaub, who over the years was very instrumental in

helping me get the film complete.

John Schaub comments: This is my seventh time on this beautiful island. I am married to an Aruban girl and consider Aruba my second home. To premiere our film here is something that fills me with much joy."

Aaron and John will be raising funds for the next phase of the marketing of the film. They will sell "limited edition" photos that Aaron took in Taiwan while filming "Voices in the Clouds."

The screening of "Voices in the Clouds" will be in local 5 of Paseo Herencia on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Entrance is free. Seats are limited, so please be on time.

For more information, readers may visit the AIFF website: <http://www.arubafilmmfest.com/Spotlight.asp>



### Announcement

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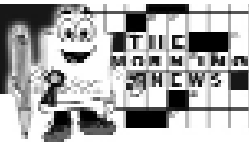
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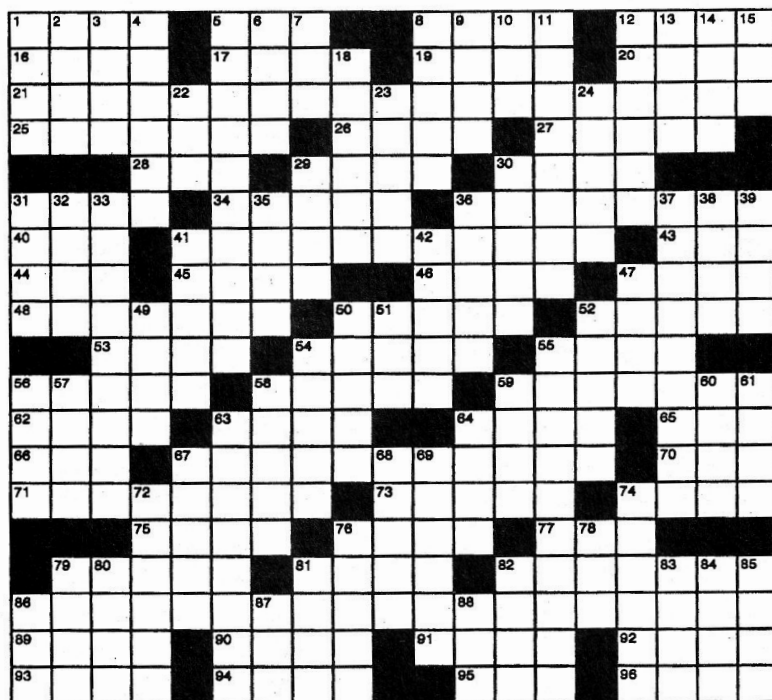
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26. Horse fodder
27. Lies
28. \_\_\_\_ de la Cite
29. Minstrel's instrument
30. Vend
31. Mulberry cloth
34. Itinerary
36. "\_\_\_\_ silver sea"
40. Sky altar
41. Assistance
43. Naught
44. Sesame
45. Old French gold coin
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48. Elderberry liqueur
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96. Two British rivers
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2. Colorful fish
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6. Arabic letter
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8. Menu
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11. Designs
12. Actress Stevens
13. Meerscham
14. Eye part
15. Pedal digit
18. Sugarcane pest
22. Be under the weather
23. Corroded
24. Pulled in unwillingly
29. Fruit pigeon
30. Platform
31. Makes edging
32. Recital solo
33. Fortunetelling
35. Russian saint
36. Polish
37. Accept defeat from
38. Pig sound
39. Upbraid
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51. Inquire
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61. WWI hero
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69. Free
72. Find
74. Sampled
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78. Bobble
79. Hack
80. Server's point
81. Military cap
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86. Fell
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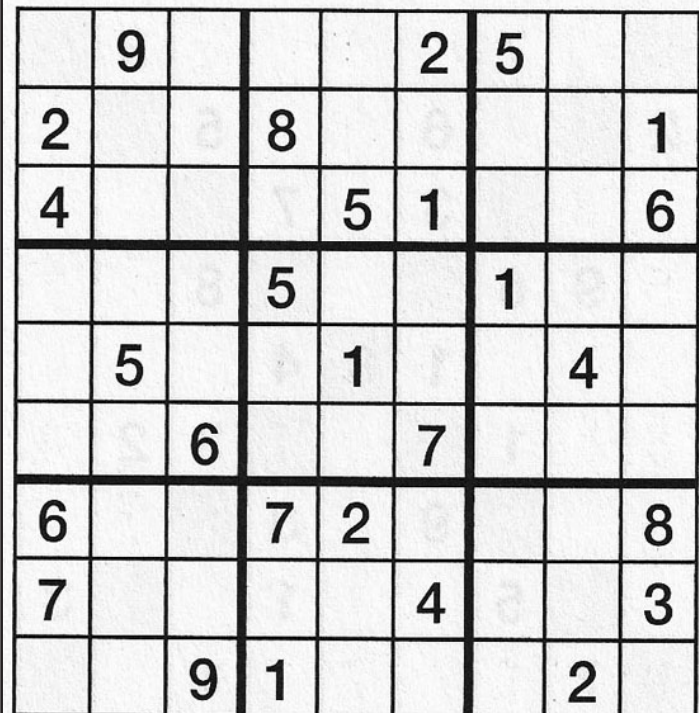
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## Tomato prices down, outlook good

Tomato sandwiches may taste a little better this summer with prices now at rock bottom levels. A surplus has pushed the price of tomatoes down to 79 cents a pound and even lower in some areas.

It's all because of the weather this winter. A deep freeze early in the winter killed the tomato crops in Florida and the resulting shortage caused prices to skyrocket. Once farmers replanted, the contin-

ued cool weather kept the plants from growing as quickly as they hoped. The plan in most years is to stagger the planting so that harvest times are staggered and the result is a continuous supply of tomatoes. This year, it worked out that most varieties reached the harvest stage at almost the same time no matter when they were planted. That caused a glut on the market and prices to fall.

## G20 policymakers candid about world economic risks

BUSAN, South Korea – Leading policymakers spoke with unusual frankness yesterday of their fears that the euro zone's financial and banking woes could derail the global economic recovery.

The troubles of Greece and other heavily indebted European governments dominated conversations among finance ministers of the Group of 20 leading economies meeting in the southern port city of Busan, officials said.

"It is essential to ensure continued recovery that Europe fix its banks. It is essential

that certain vulnerable European nations follow through with major fiscal consolidation, and get the job done," Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty told reporters.

Gatherings such as the G20 are typically a stage for ministers to radiate confidence, especially when financial markets are in a nervous state, as they are now.

But Flaherty was not alone in his warnings.

"We can't afford to be complacent," South Korean Finance Minister Yoon Jeunghyun told the opening session.

## Wall Street tumbles on jobs data and European worries

NEW YORK – Stocks sank yesterday after a disappointing May jobs figure, while investors were spooked by the possibility of another debt crisis, this time in Hungary.

Data showed the U.S. economy added fewer-than-expected jobs last month, with a large portion of those being temporary hirings for the U.S. Census.

"There's no other way to describe it except flat out disappointing," said Mike O'Rourke, chief market strategist at BTIG LLC in New York. "Once you get beyond the Census numbers, it was abysmal."

The drop of more than 2 percent in stocks follows Wall Street's first back-to-back advances since late April. Worries that Europe's sovereign debt troubles could spread flared again after a Hungarian official said the country was at risk of a Greek-style crisis, driving the euro to a four-year low against the dollar.

Financial stocks ranked among the worst performers, with both the KBW Banks index (.BKX) down 3.51 percent. JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) shed 2.3 percent to \$38.19, while Bank of Amer-

ica Corp (BAC.N) slipped 2 percent to \$15.50.

The Dow Jones industrial average (.DJI) tumbled 259.67 points, or 2.53 percent, to 9,995.61. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (.SPX) lost 29.67 points, or 2.69 percent, to 1,073.16. The Nasdaq Composite Index (.IXIC) dropped 64.89 points, or 2.82 percent, to 2,238.14.

Further exacerbating the pressure on Wall Street were concerns from Europe about Societe Generale's (SOGN.PA) derivatives business. The company said it would not comment on market rumors.

There have been nine days since 1998 when payrolls data was reported and the SPDR S&P 500 exchange-traded fund (ETF) opened down 1 percent or more, according to Bespoke Investment Group. On those days, the fund rose an average of 1.2 percent from open to close.

The ETF was down 2.7 percent yesterday afternoon.

Chris Burba, a short-term market technician at Standard & Poor's in New York, cited a support level for the S&P 500 at 1,070, a recent low for the index. If the S&P closes below that level, he said, "The risk of

sustaining a decline beneath the February low would increase."

BP Plc (BPL)(BP.N) avoided a decision on whether to pay its next quarterly dividend as it faced heavy political pressure to put the payout on hold while it fights the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. BP's U.S.-listed shares fell 4.4 percent to \$37.53.

Dow component McDonald's Corp (MCD.N) slipped 1.5 percent to \$66.83 after it recalled 12 million "Shrek"-themed drinking glasses. U.S. officials warned consumers to stop using them because they contain the toxic metal cadmium.

The Labor Department said the U.S. economy added 431,000 jobs in May -- far short of the 513,000 that Wall Street had expected.

Even so, analysts said it didn't alter their view that the economy is stabilizing, with many expecting unemployment will remain high for some time.

Decliners were carrying the day, outnumbering advancers on the New York Stock Exchange by a ratio of 8 to 1, while on the Nasdaq, about six stocks fell on the Nasdaq for every one that rose.

## Feds get picky over what makes oil 'extra virgin'

CARMEL VALLEY, California (AP) – Extra virgin, light, with lemon, unfiltered, cold-pressed: the variety of olive oil on most supermarket shelves is dazzling. But what does it all mean?

These terms might be common currency among foodies and the farmer's market crowd, but they have never been enforceable, or legally defined in the United States — until now.

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture in April adopted scientifically verifiable standards for nomenclature such as "virgin" or "extra virgin." They will start enforcing them in October, just in time for the harvest of trees that are now in full flower.

The definitions will differentiate cheaper impostors from the best oil: those cold-pressed, pure, golden-hued products that lead connoisseurs to talk of grass tones, apple or nut fla-

vors, and peppery finishes, in a language usually reserved for wines.

"It will put an end to marketing terms that are confusing to the consumer, such as light, extra light — language that really doesn't mean too much," said Patricia Darragh, executive director of the California Olive Oil Council, a trade association of producers responsible for most US-grown olive oil.

The standards will also conform to international and trade group definitions, reassuring buyers they can be sure of what's behind that fancy label before they plunk down \$15, \$20 or more for a bottle.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

#### PUZZLE 50

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# Welcome to Sawasdee



Sawasdee terrace



Sawasdee interior

Open now for two years, Sawasdee (pronounced Sa-VA-dee) which means, "Welcome" in Thai, has acquired quite an enthusiastic following among regular vacationers. Not only do they declare the menu varied and authentic, but give the Palm Beach eatery top marks for ambiance and charming, friendly staff.

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went to take a peak at Aruba's only authentic Thai restaurant, just a short stroll from the principal resorts, only one block away from the Palm Beach strip. Simon, the owner, welcomed us, and we chanced upon Bob Metier and his friends who had just completed a very tasty meal. Along with being well satisfied, they were going home with doggy

bags. Bob lived in Thailand for a year and his expert opinion is high marks for the Thai chef, the ample portions, and the very, very reasonable prices.

Sawasdee offers a Rijstaffel (Rice Table) for two, which allows diners to sample the full spectrum of Thai cuisine with dozens of choices as well as a very economical four-course meal including appetizer, soup, main course and dessert for only \$25. Those seeking a selection of vegetarian dishes will be very pleased with their menu; 151 reviewers at the website Restaurantsaruba.com gave Sawasdee an overall rating of 9.1 out of 10, placing it at 5th place in Aruba's top ten restaurants! One couple cited it has the best vegan menu on Aruba, particularly recommending the Mock Duck Satay as the finest they have ever tasted.

These reviewers all have their personal menu suggestions, but unanimously site the excellent preparation and presentation, whether aficionados of Thai food or new to this distinctive cuisine. "Keith K," declared that he and his wife, who live in NYC, dine at Thai restaurants regularly, and that Sawasdee "was right up there with the best"-awarding it a perfect 10 for taste.

Thai food is a singular oriental cuisine that is increasing exponentially in popularity, known for its particular balance of sweet and spicy. Sawasdee does offer the patron a choice of degrees of spiciness; starting with "half spicy" might be best for those unaccustomed to Thai food. Simon provides many of the spices fresh from his garden, which are served alongside the dishes.

Exotic and interesting, Sawasdee is found in the small mall next to the Palm Beach Wendy's and will add quite some spice to your Aruban dining experience!

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## McDonald's pulls 12M cadmium-tainted Shrek glasses



LOS ANGELES, California (AP) – Cadmium has been discovered in the painted design on "Shrek"-themed drinking glasses being sold nationwide at McDonald's, forcing the burger giant to recall 12 million of the cheap U.S.-made collectibles while dramatically expanding contamination concerns about the toxic metal beyond imported children's jewelry.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which announced the voluntary recall early yesterday, warned consumers to immediately stop using the glasses; McDonald's said it would post instructions on its website next week regarding refunds.

The 16-ounce glasses, being sold for about \$2 each as

part of a promotional campaign for the movie "Shrek Forever After," were available in four designs depicting the characters Shrek, Princess Fiona, Puss in Boots and Donkey.

The CPSC noted in its recall notice that "long-term exposure to cadmium can cause adverse health effects." Cadmium is a known carcinogen that research shows also can cause bone softening and severe kidney problems.

In the case of the Shrek-themed glassware, the potential danger would be long-term exposure to low levels of cadmium, which could leach from the paint onto a child's hand, then enter the body if the child puts that unwashed hand to his or her mouth.

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## Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez's Father Quits Managerial Job To Watch Son In South Africa



Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez quit his job as manager of Chivas in the Segunda Division Premier in order to watch his son, Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez, play with the Mexican national team in the World Cup in South Africa.

Hernandez had initially asked for permission to leave for some time from the Chivas institution, but they refused and he quit 11 days ago, according to several media outlets.

"I asked for permission to go to the World Cup, and they didn't allow me," said Hernandez. "By forming part of this institution they did not give it to me or else they'd have to give it to everyone else. I had to think about it for two days with my family and kids and I made the decision to quit because I want to go to the World Cup and see my kid play. Work is secondary."

Hernandez said that the decision was helped by once in a lifetime experiences.

"It was difficult, but in the end one is not eternal. Institutions remain for lives and one doesn't. Moments from your life is what makes you

take that decision. I understand the institution and that no one is above it, but one is also just here in passing," said Hernandez.

The elder Hernandez also spoke about Gerardo 'Zizinho' Dos Santos' expressed disappointment. 'Chicharito' was one of the last players cut from the U-17 Mexican national team that eventually won the U-17 World Cup in Peru in 2005.

"It's not easy to live a situation like that. I understand him as a father because in the moment he said what he felt, what could be seen and what he knew. For one, you don't know how it hurts to see your child suffer and it's hard to see him as a player. To say that they know is easy. We lived it and it's very hard."

El Informador newspaper announced as well that Javier Hernandez would be joined by the entire family in England as he joins Manchester United. Reports in the Mexican newspaper also say that Tomas Balcazar, a former Chivas and Mexican international and maternal grandfather of 'Chicharito,' would also make the move to England.

## Les Bleus stunned by China

*France Coach Raymond Domenech Laments Defeat To 'One Shot' China*

France crashed to a shock defeat against China on Friday evening, and head coach Raymond Domenech has been quick to lament his side's lack of fortune in front of goal.

Les Bleus dominated the vast majority of the fixture, forcing several fine saves from visiting goalkeeper Zeng Cheng in the early stages of the match without breaching his defenses.

After something of a lull before half-time, France were back on the front foot after the break, but China stood resolute and struck the only goal of the game when Deng Zhuoxiang cracked a terrific free kick past Hugo Lloris.

"Even a friendly game, it is never fun to lose," Domenech confessed to TF1 after the match. "They had one shot on goal! We were given every possible opportunity [to score]. This is the kind of game that no matter what you do, you cannot go back."

Friday's game also marked a milestone for the coach, who became the most capped France boss as he took charge of his 76th match. During that period, les Bleus have won 41, drawn 16 and lost 19 times.

## Hope for Drogba despite fracture



The Ivorian Football Federation have confirmed that captain Didier Drogba has broken his arm but are still not ruling him out of the FIFA World Cup™.

Drogba was forced out of the Côte d'Ivoire's warm-up game against Japan in Sion today in the 17th minute, leaving the field clutching his right arm. There were fears the Chelsea striker would miss the FIFA World Cup but the federation are confident Drogba will be able to play some part in the finals.

A statement released read: "He was taken urgently to a

medical centre in Sion, where x-rays revealed a fracture in the player's right forearm area. Didier Drogba's state of health is the object of all the attention of the Elephants' medical staff and of distinguished specialists. The Ivory Coast Football Federation stress that the striker Didier Drogba has not, for the moment, been ruled out of the 2010 World Cup."

Reports suggested Drogba was undergoing surgery. Earlier in the day a national federation spokesman revealed they are awaiting further medical tests but claimed Drogba could even feature when they kick off their FIFA World Cup campaign against Portugal on 15 June.

"He's not at all out of the World Cup," he can still play. "We don't know if he will be able to play the first game - that depends on the verdict of the medical team. But he's definitely not out (of the tournament)."

## Former South Africa President Nelson Mandela will attend opening match

Makhenkesi Stofile, the Minister of Sport and Recreation, has revealed to the media that, contrary to earlier media reports, Nelson Mandela will be at Soccer City next Friday for the World Cup opening ceremony.

Despite his frail health, the 91-year-old Mandela will brave the chilly Highveld winter to attend the opening festivities.



Stofile said the former State President and Nobel Prize laureate had asked for four tickets from the board of the 2010 World Cup, that the request has been honoured and that Madiba is going to get his tickets.

Mandela will attend the opening match between Bafana Bafana and Mexico as well as the Final scheduled for July 11 at Soccer City Stadium.

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# Trainer Nick Zito seeks 3rd Belmont win in 6 years

NEW YORK (AP)—No one is in more of a New York state of mind these days than Nick Zito.

And why not?

The Brooklyn-born Hall of Fame trainer will be looking for his third win in six years in the \$1 million Belmont Stakes today, and he has two of the three favorites for the final leg of the Triple Crown.

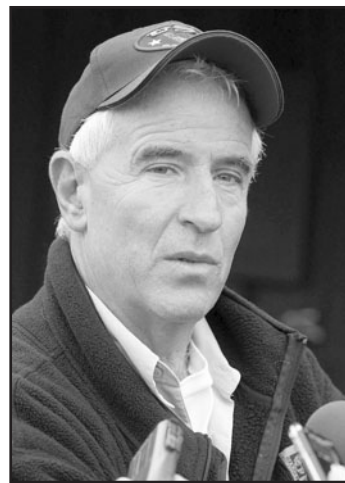
Ice Box, the Florida Derby winner who staged a tremendous rally to finish second in the Kentucky Derby, is the 3-1 morning-line choice. Fly Down, a lightly raced colt who blew away the field by six lengths in winning the Dwyer last month, is the 9-2 third choice.

The 142nd running of the Belmont may lack Derby winner Super Saver and Preakness winner Lookin At Lucky, but Zito says the Belmont is, well, the Belmont.

"It's big," he said. "It's a classic race. It's the Belmont."

Zito's pair tops a field of 12 3-year-old colts and geldings who will try to ace racing's "Test of the Champion," a 1 1/2 -mile lap around Belmont Park in the longest of the Triple Crown races.

"It's a tricky kind of race," Zito said. "Our horses are fine with the distance, we just want to see if they kick in. You have to fire at the right time, too."



First Dude poses a huge threat as the 7-2 second choice. Probably the biggest horse in the field—he stands 17 hands tall—the colt trained by Dale Romans is coming off a gallant runner-up effort in the Preakness.

"The Belmont will be this horse's race because he wants to go a mile and a half," Romans said, "and he'll love the track."

First Dude, along with Game on Dude and Uptowncharlybrown, are candidates to set the early pace, while Zito's colts have a similar come-from-behind style.

A hot and muggy day is forecast, with temperatures in the mid-80s and a 50 percent chance of scattered thunderstorms.

The rest of the Belmont field is filled with long shots, but don't discount the chances of 10-1 shots Game On Dude, Make Music for Me and Uptowncharlybrown.

Lone Star Derby winner Game On Dude is trained by Bob Baffert, who saw his three Triple Crown attempts fall short in the Belmont but owns a Belmont with Point Given in 2001.

"It's sort of wide open," Baffert says. "We're all within five lengths of each other. It's whoever can go the mile and a half, that's what it comes down to."

As Fly Down's jockey John Velazquez said: "This track can be very deceiving. You have to know where you are. Sometimes it isn't easy. And you have to have a good horse who can run that far."

Although this field is far from vintage—four starters have only a maiden win and just two have a Grade 1 win—there are several other intriguing story lines:

— Make Music for Me closed strongly to finish fourth in the Derby, and gives Alexis Barba a chance to become the first female trainer to win a Triple Crown race.

"I enjoy the moment as it comes," Barba said. "I don't look at it in terms of gender. If I'm the first woman to win it, that's a bonus."

— Uptowncharlybrown, third in the Lexington Stakes in April in his last start, will attempt to raise the spirits of principal owner Bob Hutt and 58 other partners following the recent death of the colt's trainer, Alan Seewald.

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## Nadal to face Soderling in French Open tennis final



**Serena Williams and Venus Williams of the United States pose with the trophy after winning the women's doubles final**

PARIS – Four-time champion Rafael Nadal stormed into his fifth French Open final yesterday to set up a mouth-watering revenge showdown with Robin Soderling, who

sent him crashing to a first Paris defeat last year.

Spanish second seed Nadal, who turned 24 on Thursday, outclassed battling Austrian journeyman Jurgen

Melzer 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) to maintain his record of not having dropped a set in this tournament.

Soderling, the Swedish fifth seed who was defeated by Roger Federer in the 2009 final, blasted past Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic 6-3, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 in his semi-final.

Now the Swede, who put Federer out in the quarter-final here on Wednesday, stands in the way of Nadal capturing a fifth French Open, a feat which would place the Spaniard just one behind Bjorn Borg on the all-time list.

"It was very hot today, but the ball bounces higher and there's more top spin which is good for my game," said Nadal.

"Soderling is playing really well. I will go on court

and do my best and if he beats me I will congratulate him. For sure, it will be a difficult match."

Nadal said he was in the best shape ahead of the final, unlike last year when his season unravelled as his suspect knees buckled under the strain.

"I was really nervous before the tournament, but today I am more relaxed and happy because I am in the final where I dreamed of being. Physically and mentally I am in the best condition," said Nadal.

In the women's game Serena and Venus Williams clinched the French Open

women's doubles title on Friday to become only the third team to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time.

The top seeded Americans defeated Slovenia's Katarina Srebotnik and Kveta Peschke of the Czech Republic, the 12th seeds, 6-2, 6-3 to win their second Roland Garros doubles title, and 12th in all.

Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver (1983-1984) and Gigi Fernandez and Natasha Zvereva (1992-1993) are the only other two teams to hold all four majors at the same time.

The Williams sisters, champions here in 1999, have now captured six of the last eight Grand Slam doubles titles.

## Shaken Celtics look to regain hustle against Lakers

LOS ANGELES – Stunned, shaken and stirred after being out-played by the Los Angeles Lakers in the opening game of the NBA Finals, the

Boston Celtics face an uphill task to claw their way back into the best-of-seven series.

Although Boston are renowned for their gritty and

physical approach, they were totally outplayed in that department during a 102-89 loss to the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday at a packed Staples Center.

Game Two is in Los Angeles on Sunday. Ominously for Boston, Lakers coach Phil Jackson has never lost a play-off series in 47 attempts, with either Los Angeles or the Chicago Bulls, when his team has won the opening game.

"Obviously Game Two is very important," said Celtics guard Rajon Rondo. "We don't want to go back home down 0-2 and giving them the opportunity to try to sneak one of their games in Boston and then come back here with two games to close out."

Boston will host Games Three, Four and, if needed, Five before the series would return to Los Angeles for Games Six and Seven.

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### Santos well ahead for Colombian run-off vote

BOGOTA, Colombia – Colombian presidential candidate Juan Manuel Santos has a commanding lead against two-time Bogota Mayor Antanas Mockus for this month's second round election, according to a new poll published yesterday.

Santos, a former defense minister, had 61.6 percent of the intended votes against Mockus with 29.8 percent, according to the Centro Nacional de Consultoria poll published in El Tiempo newspaper.

Santos won a solid first round victory on May 30, making him the favorite to be elected as successor to President Alvaro Uribe on June 20 when Colombians vote in the run-off.

Most polls before first round had shown Santos and Mockus, who ran on an anti-corruption platform, tied for the election. But Santos won 47 percent of the vote while Mockus received 22 percent.

Polls may have under-represented rural areas where Santos was seen as the stronger candidate.

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